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AGREEMENTS FOR PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION IN FILM PRODUCTION FIELD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed certain agreements with some countries for promotion of cooperation in film production field;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of countries with whom these have been signed during the last two years and current year, till date;

(c) whether a Joint Commission has been appointed to implement these agreements;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which these agreements are likely to help India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (e): This Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Canada to enter into an Audio-Visual Co-production Agreement with that country. Similar interest has also been shown by the Government of Italian Republic. Letters of intent have been signed with both these countries expressing the intention of the Government to enter into Audio-visual Co-production Agreements with both the countries. The Agreements are still at the draft stage. Therefore, appointment of a Joint Commission does not arise at present.

Entering into Government-to-Government Co-production Agreements with other countries will enable producers of both countries to pool their financial, creative, technical and marketing resources, thus providing access to a wider audience base. Such projects are expected to promote higher visibility in international markets for Indian films and increased opportunities for the animation sector.